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SUBJECT: TPJMC SESSION 27 JULY AND STUDENT NON-RETURNEES

REF: SAIGON 13636

1. VIRTUALLY THE ENTIRE TPJMC SESSION OF JULY 27 WAS DEVOTED TO THE SINGLE ITEM ON THE AGENDA: A REVIEW BY EACH SIDE OF THE 45 DAYS SINCE CEASE FIRE II. THE RESUMPTION OF THE PRISONER EXCHANGES, INCLUDING SECURITY AT LOC NINH, WAS NOT DISCUSSED. THE PRG, HOWEVER, DID DEMAND THAT THE GVN TAKE BACK THE 20 STUDENTS WHO HAVE REMAINED IN A SORT OF LIMBO AT LOC NINH SINCE THEIR CHANGE OF HEART AND DEMAND FOR "UNCONDITIONAL FREEDOM" ON JULY 24. (REFTEL)

2. AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING, THE GVN SUGGESTED THAT THE PRG TURN THE STUDENTS LOOSE AT LOC NINH; BUT THE PRG REFUSED, INSISTING THAT THE GVN MUST TAKE THEM BACK. BRIG. GEN. HIEP, DEPUTY CHIEF OF GVN/TPJMC, CONSIDERS THIS REFUSAL TO BE FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT THE WHOLE EPISODE OF THE STUDENTS -- FROM THEIR ARREST TO THE PRESENT, INCLUDING THE LETTERS GENERATED ABROAD

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IN THEIR BEHALF -- IS A PRG MACHINATION TO EMBARRASS THE GVN.

3. HIEP SAID ON JULY 28 THAT THE GVN WILL NOT TAKE BACK THE STUDENTS AS LONG AS THEY INSIST ON REPRESENTING THEMSELVES AS A GROUP THAT MIGHT BE CONSTRUED AS A "THIRD FORCE." ACCORDING TO HIEP, THE STUDENTS' ACCEPTANCE OF IDENTIFICATION AS "FREEDOM SEEKERS" AS PROPOSED BY THE GVN, WOULD NOT REQUIRE THEM TO UNDERGO POLITICAL EDUCATION AT THE NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER: THEY WOULD BE RETURNED TO SAIGON AND FREED.
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